

*Sister Agnes Elizabeth Tosh*  
*September 15, 1915 - February 27, 2002*



**Secular Name:** Agnes Elizabeth Tosh (Ptashnic)  
**Entered:** July 13, 1931  
**Place of Birth:** Mahanoy PA  
**Parents:** Charles and Helen  
**Siblings:** Sabina, Annette, Helen, and Anna (Sister M. Imelda)  
**Elementary School:** St. Joseph, Mahanoy  
**High School:** St. Francis Academy, Pittsburgh, PA  
**Higher Education:** Duquesne University  
**Degrees:** B. Ed.; M. Ed.  
**Certification:** Music Director Teacher

**Ministry:**

Sister Agnes Elizabeth's first teaching assignment was at St. Anthony School in Detroit while she was a postulant. This was the beginning of a long teaching career that spanned fifty-four years in various schools in Grand Rapids; Detroit; Rochester, NY; Philadelphia; Kenosha, WI; Pittsburgh; Mahanoy City, PA; and Kearny, NJ. Sister taught primarily in the intermediate and junior high grades.

In addition to teaching, Sister served as organist and music director, as well as teacher.

In 1985, at the age of 70, Sister retired from teaching to serve in Home Ministry where she cared, first for her sister Annette, and then for her paralyzed sister Sabina. She deemed this time "the great opportunity to touch the lives of the lonely elderly and to bring some consolation and love to them."

Following the death of her sister Sabina in 1994, Sister Agnes Elizabeth returned to the motherhouse where she continued to serve in whatever way she was able until her eyesight failed her. Then, in her ministry of love for all, she often released poetic visions and deep appreciation for the beautiful sights viewed from the heights of Mt. Providence.

*"I lift my eyes to the mountains."*